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SUBJECT: MEETING OF INTERAMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION

(IANEC), LIMA, JULY 11-15, 1977

1. ARGENTINE CNEA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SUBJECT MEETING BUT NOT RPT NOT BY ITS PRESIDENT, CARLOS CASTRO MADERO.

2. CASTRO MADERO

CURRENTLY LEANS TOWARD NOT RPT NOT GREATLY
INCREASING IANEC'S SCOPE OF OPERATIONS (AND BUDGET). HE REGARDS
IT AS UNBALANCED AND UNWORKABLE GROUPING OF NUCLEAR COLOSSUS
(U.DBMLN COUNTRIES FAR BELOW IT BUT WITH SIGNIFICANT NUCLEAR
PROGRAMS (E.G. BRAZIL, ARGENTINA) AND MOST OF THE OTHER LATAM
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STATES.

3. CASTRO MADERO WAS DEFEATED IN THE ARGENTINE INITIATIVE AT RIO LAST SEPTEMBER TO CREATE A NEW LATAM NUCLEAR CONSULTING ARRANGEMENT AND IS UNLIKELY TO RESURRECT THAT IDEA. APPARENTLY, MARCELO ALONSO'S EFFORT TO FOLLOW THIS WITH AN INFORMAL IANEC MEETING TO PUSH FOR A STRONGER

IANEC ROLE ALSO GOT NOWHERE AT RIO.

4. CASTRO MADERO AGREES THAT AN EXPANDED IANEC WOULD BE DUPLICATING KINDS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH IAEA CAN PROVIDE. HE NOTES THAT IT WOULD TAKE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAKE IT A SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION.

NONETHELESS, ARGENTINA WILL BE SENSITIVE TO WISHES OF OTHERS (PARTICULARLY PERU)

STRENGTHEN IANEC, AND

WILL BE READY TO DO ITS SHARE, IF THAT IS WHAT IS DECIDED.

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